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To ALAFUZOV[1], EGIPKO[11].

The Navy Department proposes to send the following officers on the minesweepers being built for us. (See my telegram No. 730 of 23 December 1942[a]).

- 1. Commander ERDHAN[iii] senior member of the group torpedo officer [MINER].
- Lieutenant HATCH[KhATCh] torpedo officer.
- 3. Lieutenant ANIKEEV[iv] torpedo officer (of Russian extraction).
- 4. Warrant officer [MICHMAN] GREEN electrician.
- 5. Two other specialists will be selected and their names will be given later.

On 12th February a meeting was arranged between the commanders of PANTSYRNYJ's[V] and MOL's[VI] groups and officers of the Navy Department. The meeting took place in a very friendly atmosphere.

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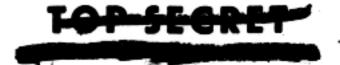
EGORICHEV[vii]

[Note and Comments overleaf]

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Note: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] ALAFUZOV : Rear-Admiral V. A. ALAFUZOV.

> Capt. (1st Rank) EGIPKO was appointed head of [ii] EGIPKO

OVS (Department of Foreign Relations) on .

12th February 1943.

: See also MASHINGTON's No. 834 of 18th April 1943 [iii] ERDHAN

(3/NBF/T1274) and No. 1646 of 17th July 1943(t/pesoript).

[iv] ANIKEEV : Lt. Nichclas Michael ANIKIEV, USN, liaison officer

and interpreter. See also MASHINGTON's No. 834 of 18th April 1943 (3/NBF/T1274).

[v] PANTSTRNYJ: Capt. (1st Rank) Pavel A. PANTSTRNYJ.

: Capt. (3rd Rank) Mikhail Nikolaevich MOL'. · [vi] MOL'

[vii] EGORICHEV : Capt. (1st Rank) I. A. EGROICHEV, Soviet Naval Attaché in WASHINGTON.

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